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Taylor/Mike--

I have been communicating with [redacted] who has forwarded the design plan to the landscape guy who is doing the Electric/Venice project. I thought I would have some answers/a bid by now, but I don't.

The situation is so out of control and, I'm sorry, it is beyond comprehension that the city is powerless to do anything. My neighbors and I are beside ourselves, with long term residents talking about leaving the city. It is outrageous and pathetic. Is it really OK for them to have BBQ's set up and furniture set up? It is NOT a campground. There are tons of stolen bikes--and please don't admonish me for assuming they are stolen. I think this is the source of some of the anger from residents--that you/city officials treat all the unhoused (I've been scolded not to call them homeless) as innocents in all this. We know the problems with housing and joblessness and drug abuse. But some of these people are making a choice to camp out here. I think we wouldn't mind if a few people pitched a tent for a night or two and moved on. Or even if one or two people just stayed for awhile. But there seems to be no gov't will or imagination to keep these encampments from metastasizing--and all the noise, junk, criminal activity and lack of sanitation in a residential neighborhood is intolerable. Can't you designate certain "campsites" or pads in public spaces (hard to believe it has come to this) which are spread through out the city so people could have a place to pitch a tent for a night or two or three but not be able to congregate like this? Put one or two in this area and I think we'd be ok with it until more permanent solutions are found. We also support taxes for more services and housing initiatives. But until this "re-activation" of the space occurs, I can;t believe this is the best you can do.

I'll keep trying, though I am overwhelmed and stressed with a new business the last few years (that has created about 50 jobs in LA).

Saul